

withdrawn from consideration at this time. Upon allowance of any generic claims, however, applicants request consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or which otherwise include all the limitations of the allowed generic claims.

Please amend the application as follows and reconsider the application in light of the following remarks:

In the Specification:

✓ Please replace the paragraphs on page 7 from line 13 to line 29 with the following paragraphs:

a¹ Figures 1A-G are block diagrams showing deployment and use of a percutaneous electrical therapy system and electrode assembly in accordance with an embodiment of the invention. As shown in Figures 1A and 1B, the system can include an electrode 1 having a sharp point 2 at its distal end and a housing 4 surrounding at least the sharp point 2 when the electrode 1 is in its undeployed and uninserted states. The undeployed and uninserted states include pre-deployment and post-deployment states of the electrode 1. The housing 4 can have an aperture 5 at its distal end. An actuator 6 can interact with a handle 11 at the proximal end of electrode 1 as shown to move the electrode 1.

Deployment of the electrode assembly can include the steps taken to place the electrode assembly in proper position and condition for use in electrical therapy. Figure 1A shows the electrode assembly in an undeployed (pre-deployed) state. During deployment, the distal face 7 of housing 4 is placed against a patient's skin 22, as shown in Figure 1B. This action supports housing 4 with respect to the patient's skin, thereby controlling the angle between the housing and the patient's skin. Electrode 1 is then inserted through aperture 5 into the tissue underlying the patient's skin by moving actuator 6 distally, as shown in Figure 1C. As it moves, actuator 6 (and therefore electrode 1) is supported by housing 4 to control the angle at which the electrode 1 enters into the patient's tissue.